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### RESPONSE TO NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT


Applicants proposed a revised restriction combining several groups into new groups 1-4, and elected the new group 1. However, said revised restriction is unacceptable because the new group 1 includes too many permutations and combinations, which result in a burden of searching, and a potential for missing references. The combination of Q as a heteroaryl group, and Y<sup>0</sup> as several different rings requires an extensive search.

Since applicants did not elect a group from the original restriction, the reply filed on 8-4-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 703-305-4485. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7 am -12 pm, and 3 pm - 6 pm) starting from 10-1<sup>st</sup>-03.

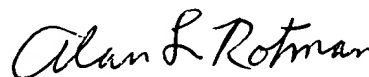
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on 703-308-4716. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4556 for regular communications and 703-308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

  
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